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UN COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE --

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DECEMBER 17 WILL APPOINT THE 20-MEMBER "COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE." ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, NO LATINS EXCEPT CUBA WILL PARTICIPATE, NO WESTERN EUROPEANS EXCEPT MALTA AND TURKEY, AND, MUCH TO AFRICANS DISGRUNTLEMENT, ARABS THEMSELVES DO NOT PLAN TO TAKE PART. WE UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING HAVE AGREED TO SERVE: YUGOSLAVIA, CUBA, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, GUINEA, HUNGARY, INDIA, INDONESIA, MADAGASCAR, MALAYSIA, MALTA, PAKISTAN, ROMANIA, SENEGAL, UKRAINE, TURKEY, AFGHANISTAN, NIGERIA, LAOS, CAMEROON AND SIERRA LEONE. THE ISRAELIS ASKED THE U.S. TO SPEAK OUT IN PLENARY IN OPPOSITION TO THE COMMITTEE AND TO TRY TO PERSUADE TURKEY NOT TO PARTICIPATE. (CONFIDENTIAL -- OURTEL 6865)

PORTUGUESE TIMOR --

PORTUGUESE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE GALVAO TELES TOLD AMBASSADOR BENNETT PORTUGAL WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION SIMILAR TO THAT APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. GALVAO TELES, WHO ARRIVED ON THE UN SCENE RECENTLY AND ASKED FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE ON THE TIMOR QUESTION, DID NOT SEEM TO HAVE MUCH IDEA OF HOW TO MOVE THINGS TOWARD SUCH A RESOLUTION. BENNETT TOLD HIM THE U.S. WOULD BE INVOLVED IN FUTURE CONSULTATIONS WITH RESPECT TO WORKING OUT A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD MEET THE VARIOUS INTERESTS INVOLVED. THE PORTUGUESE REPRESENTATIVE ALSO STRESSED THE PROBLEM FOR LISBON OF THE 23 PORTUGUESE SOLDIERS TAKEN RISONER IN TIMOR AND ASKED THAT THE U.S. DO WHAT IT COULD TO OBTAIN THEIR RELEASE.

THE JAPANESE SAID THAT THEY HAD NO REACTION FROM THE MAURITANIAN AND IRAQI MISSIONS REGARDING SPONSORSHIP OF THE JAPANESE DRAFT UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON PORTUGUESE TIMOR, AND THEY WERE NOT PREPARED TO GO IT ALONE. IN THE LIGHT OF PLENARY VOTING ON THE PORTUGUESE TIMOR RESOLUTION, A STIFFLY WORDED DRAFT (SUCH AS CHINA IS REPORTEDLY DRAWING UP) MAY FACE DIFFICULTY IN MUSTERING VOTES IN THE COUNCIL. CONFIDENTIAL

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SPANISH SAHARA --

THE VOTE IN COMMITTEE 4 ON THE SPANISH SAHARA RESOLUTIONS SHOWED THE DEEPEST DIVISION AMONG AFRICAN COUNTRIES THAT THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION CAN RECALL. ON THE VOTE TO REVERSE PRIORITY, 46 MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY

WERE SPLIT DOWN THE MIDDLE, WITH 25 SUPPORTING REVERSAL AND THE REMAINDER VOTING AGAINST, ABSTAINING OR ABSENT. THE SOVIET BLOC ABSTAINED ON THE PRIORITY MOTION (IN PLENARY THEY SWITCHED TO NEGATIVE VOTE ON THE MOROCCAN RESOLUTION). CHINA DID "NOT PARTICIPATE," DESCRIBING HER POSITION TO US AS BEING ONE IN WHICH SHE DOES NOT PARTICIPATE WHEN THERE ARE SPLITS WITHIN THE AFRICAN GROUP. ON THE SENEGALESE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE, THE AFRICANS WERE SPLIT ALSO (11 FOR AND 22 AGAINST). (CONFIDENTIAL -- OURTEL 6855)

COMMITTEE OF 24 CHAIRMANSHIP --

TANZANIANS CONFIRMED THAT NEXT YEAR THEY ARE YIELDING CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMMITTEE OF 24, WHICH HAS BEEN HELD BY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE SALIM. U.S. DELEGATION ALSO HEARD THAT INDONESIAN REPRESENTATIVE SANI HAD BEEN AGREED CANDIDATE TO REPLACE SALIM, BUT WITH TIMOR EVENTS SUPPORT IS SHIFTING TO ABDULLAH (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO). (CONFIDENTIAL -- OURTEL 6855)

PLO LISTING BY UN GENEVA OFFICE --

AFTER ROSENSTOCK DISCLOSED HE HAD BEEN INFORMED GENEVA WAS PLANNING TO LIST THE PLO IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, UN LEGAL COUNSEL SUY REPLIED THAT THAT WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO WINSPEARE IN GENEVA AND HE WOULD MAKE ABSOLUTELY CLEAR TO HIM THAT GENEVA SHOULD FOLLOW PRECISELY THE SAME FORMULATION AS NEW YORK. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- OURTEL 6867)
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